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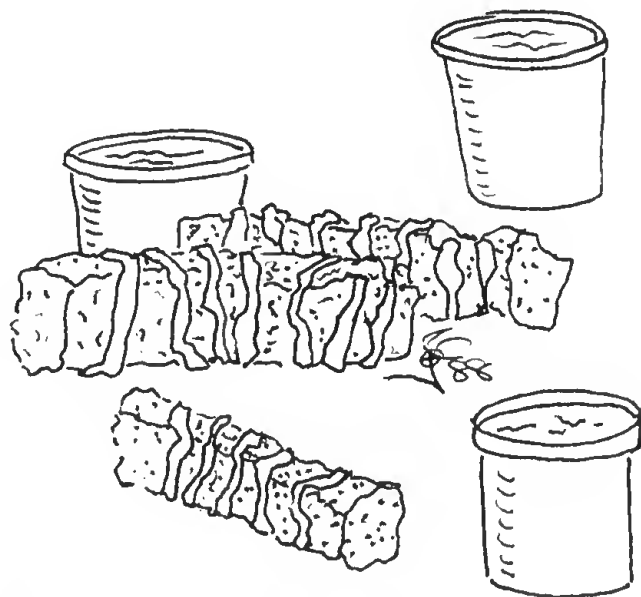
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RAW DEAL INTERVIEW

After two tries we finally got it right and although the first one was better we decided to keep it to ourselves.

-LIFE'S BLOOD-

Done at their old apt. after their last show at CB's. The interview is good and long, a little hard to read. I had no pictures of Sean so I used a picture of Tommy Rat who sung for them for one show.

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Jon, who worked on the first issue with us is working on a personal project so he has dropped out. So to replace him David and Jon Wrecking Machine will be filling the gap.

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PLUS: Tattoos, a meal(yuck)
The Truth Ache Column, editorials, reviews, photos, and artwork for your reading enjoyment.

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BOLD - "Speak Out"-- Revelation Records

PHIL

Bold sucks, and so does this record. First off, everyone was talking how it was gonna be so cool with a four color cover, well let me tell you it is ugly, and hard to look at. As for the music it is worse than the cover. "Failed to the

X" is one of the dumbest songs I have heard in a long while, so bad I began to laugh. I never liked that one from the first time I heard it, it is just stupidity put to music.

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TOM

An alright record, production is lacking, the lyrics show lack of originality, and it is generally too slow. There are a few good songs, but not many.

DAVID

Why is it when it's time for a band to put out the most important record of their career, they fuck up? Bold did just that. They had enough time to get the production on this disc right. NO EXCUSES! The songs here are much better than on "Join the Fight", but it doesn't click. Also on the song "Clear" they left out the chorus "Sick Society". This record could have been, but isn't.

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YOUTH OF TODAY - "Can't Close My Eyes"-- Schism/Caroline

PHIL

I don't like it. I don't like when a record is repressed. The 7 inch was good, but it had its time and 1988 is not it. Youth Of Today is nothing like they way they were when the original 7 inch came out. For example "We Just Might" is now "Time To Forgive" also on the 7 inch there is a Skinhead on a skateboard, now on the last 12in there are a score of jocks around a bike. Not the same and it has no place.

TOM

I'm not even gonna compare this this with the original record that wouldn't be fair now would it? This record is pretty good, even better than "Were Not In This Alone". The lyrics are orientated toward Youth Of Today's honest intentions, which was good, but now they have songs "Turn the Other Cheek" you know what will happen when you turn the other cheek... you get hit in the back of the head.

Youth Crew is the dumbest song but it wasn't written by them, so I don't blame them. All the rest of the songs are great and it is worth the money.

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DAVE

I'd rather tell the kids to pay \$15.00 for the original 7 inch then pay \$7.00 for this studio-altered piece of shit! More money in the major labels coffers. I thought that Schism wanted to be "INDEPENDENT",.... Guess Not.

STICKS AND STONES- Demo

PHIL

Sticks and Stones sent me a lot of material so I got a very good feel for the band. They have a different sound in a way a kind-o-Oley I like it and the live stuff is even better. My favorite, pick hit, top of the heap is Common Cause. A nice step away from your typical demo hard core.

TOM

Not your typical hard core band, and not exactly the type of sound that I prefer. Musically they are good but the vocals are unclear. This reminds me of the Lords of the Church record I got rid of. Enough said.

DAVID

I've seen this band live and after listening to this demo it sounds like a lot of Social Distortion and similar punk

and early L.A. bands. I'm sure they put a lot of work into their music, but it does not move me. I've been told that they give these away so if your interested I'd ask a band member about getting one.

SLAPSHOT - "Step On It"--Taang

PHIL

Anti drinking, anti drug use, anti smoking, anti punk rock, anti youth of today, and anti bold. Also they fight, hate and eat meat. What more could one ask for from a band. The record is great from start to finish, not a dull moment, there all great. "I've had enough", "No Friend of Mine", "In Your Face", "Chameleon", "Step on It", and "Show The Way" are the high water marks. The best still has to be "Hang Up Your Boots" the Oi touch kills me. This record is a must.

TOM

Take heed and buy this! More anger and hate than the average Joe Hardcore can endure. It's sure to strike fear in the hearts of those so called Hard edge kids who make up about half the scene today. They are characteristic of Slapshot's primary objective...Straight Edge.

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The tunes that really grab me are "No Time Left", "The Same Mistake", "No Friend of Mine", "Rise and Fall" and of course "In Your Face". Definate power house record for the remainder of 88 and well into 89, or at least until their next record release.

DAVE

The long awaited long player is finally here. Fast and furious, this record is very good. "Kill For A Drink", "Step On It", and "No Friend Of Mine" plus "I've Had Enough" are the best songs. The cadence is kinda corny, but fun to annoy beer drinkers with. Get this and don't buy the C-D.

SFA - "New York"

PHIL

Not the best, but that is not so bad. It is not over produced so when you see the band you will not recognize them. I dont like the two people singing idea, therefore intro/bliss is the best record.

TOM

The best record of 1988 and will be one of the hits of 89. Every song on this record is great. They put this out themselves and suprize how good

it came out. Support this up and coming band as much as possible, buy the record and see them live if you have the chance.

DAVE

I really don't like this to much, passable. It's cool the way it's done and all, but I have no interest in it what so ever. Sorry Mike.



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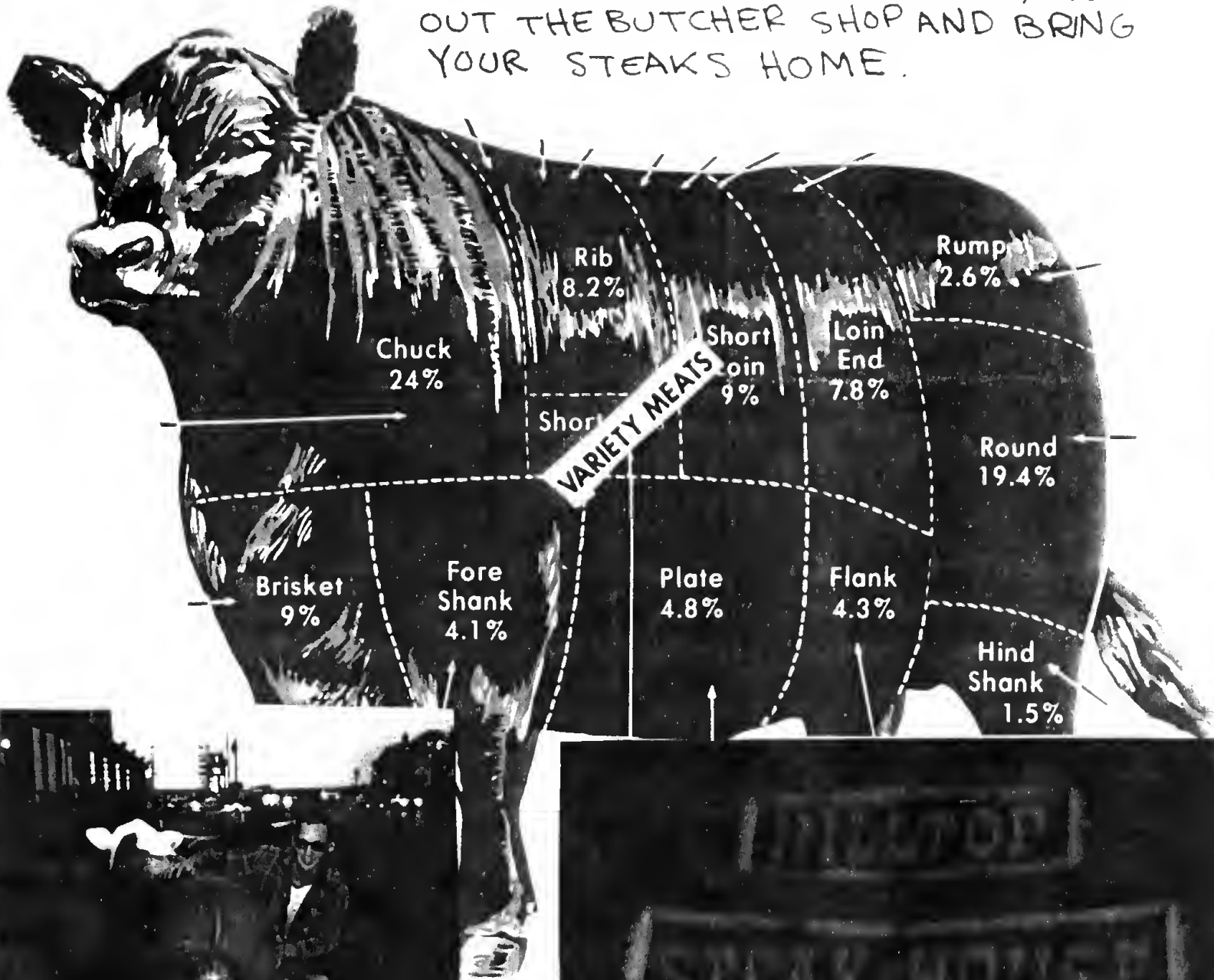
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A Police Officer is a man with no easy task. Dealing with the scum of the earth so we don't have to. He is paid to do a job so don't complain

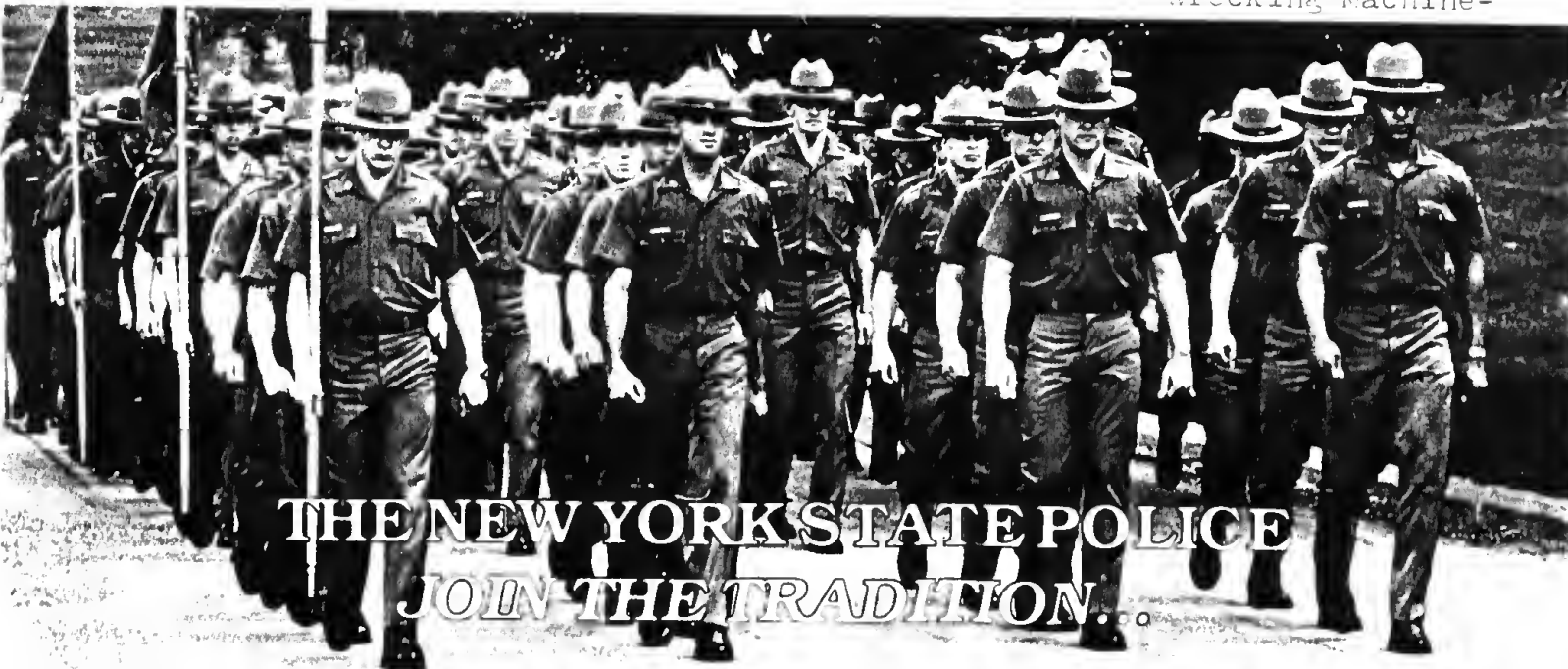
when he does it.

For those of you faggots who scream "Police Brutality" about that Tompkins Square Roit, shut your fucking mouths. Were you there? NO, I didn't think so, I was there and they got just what they deserved! I guess you didn't know that the protesters were blocking traffic, throwing bottles and fireworks at the police. That park is only used by the dreggs of society at night any way, the tax paying people who have to live in that neighborhood requested that something be done about it. The Police responded to the needs of the community.

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So the next time you come in contact with an officer of the law show him some respect and do what he says!

-Wrecking Machine-



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WHY, well I'll tell you why, I'm sick of all you faggots with the \$75 Sneakers, Champion sweatshirts, being gay and positive. Yeah you! WIDE AWAKE, PRESSURE RELEASE, CUT'IN OUT ZINE (fucking faggot), SMORGASBORD, MOSHING HOODS and all your little clones. Don't get me completely wrong, there are some very good bands and people in CT like POWER SURGE, BLIND FURY and FORCED REALITY, who should not be put into this generalization of momma's boys. So by now your probably saying to your self, "Well, man, if you don't like it then why do you go up there man...I DON'T GO THERE TO SEE WIDE AWAKE OR THE 'MOSHING HOODS' SUCK ONE ANOTHER OFF... About one or two times a month there is a good band like Slap shot, Lifes Blood, or Jerrys Kids. Lastly, as for the matrix on X Marks The Spot... "CT IS NOT SOFT" if it is so solid and hard to the core, how can I go up to CT's Mecca, the Antrax and stick up this sticker and not have any of your sorry asses say a word to me?

By Phil

KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

I would like to direct this to the writers of the Zine CUTTIN' OUT and any one else who will take offense to this.

First of all you guys are idiots for charging so much for your zine, it looks to me like your trying to make money off your scene, boy I'm glad your not from New York. I was smart enough not to waste my money on it as I came across it at my friends house. It looked pretty dumb from the out set, but I wanted to se the Supertouch interview because they're one of my favroite bands. I could hardly belive the kind of questions this guy was asking come on, can't you come up with some worthwhile reading material. Half of the other zines in print have all ready ask these and other "TYPICAL" questions and ruining it for other zines because the band will want to do less interviews in the future.

But wait I haven't even touched on what really irritated me, they're review of the Lifes Blood 7 in. This is what really unveils their ignorance. He starts off saying that they "bite" off Void's artistic style. What are you crazy? You'd better take another look. They did half the artwork themselves and the other half are "National Geographic" clippings. What you probley don't like about it is that it doesn't have that Graphitti-Clad, big X on the hand, positive look to it. Then he says the music sound fimilar, familiar to what? This is raw intense Hardcore the way it was ment to be, and no one has had that sound for a long time. I'll tell you what familiar is..."Let's see if were gonna be straight edge let's sound like Youth of Today, but if were not lets sound like Breakdown." As for the production I wonder what you thought of the Warzone 7 inch or was that before your time.

If you have a problem with this perha you shouldn't write a zine or better still you shouldn't voice your opinions where I can see or hear them or maybe you should just shut the hell up.

Thomas O'Hara
Combat Stance

JUDGE

PROJECT X

ARDEGE... Bullshit, I am oping that all you little hits who follow these guys lindly read and learn!

In Buffalo N.Y., these two and their crews were anging out onafire escape fter a show. Above them ere three "Punkrockers" rinking beers. They pro-eeded to throw their emp-ies below. One of the "Warriors" yelled up some-ning to the effect of come own here and we'll kick our asses. So the "Punkers" an down towards Project X nd Judge, who numbered in athoms. Frightened by the Punks" they took to their eels.

So as you can plainly see this Hardege image roject X and Judre por-tray is not hard at all. Well I hope you take a econd look at these "tough" guys, but knowing ou I dought it.



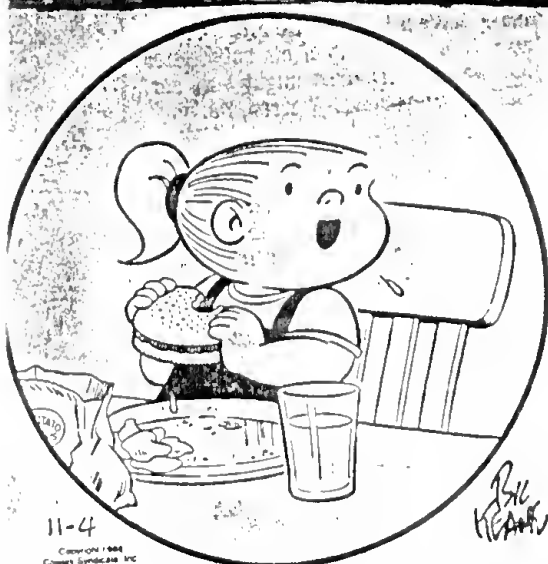
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VEGITARIANS?...!resently in the world there are 1,250,000,000(as of Jan 88) cattle both beef and dairy. In the United States there are 104,000,000 beef cattle. Now if everyone were to put down there fork and the A-1 Steaksause, and began to eat various kinds of rabbit food, what would be done with the STOCKS of LIVESTOCKS? Also taking into consederation that most cattle are bred art-ifically and would probably not know what to do if left on there own. Most cattle are also art-ifically fed. The few cattle which do garaze might survive, but as for the other 85% would surely DIE. So instead of naving scores of dead cattle, imbalances to most ecosystems beyond comprehendsion and putting most farmers who raise produce and beef in to the poor house I'm still gonna eat my share and maybe yours. GO, MEAT MEATS!

"Some people are vegetarians, but I'm a meat-atarian."

Life's

Phil: Since the record you have gotten a new singer, what's the deal with Jason.
John: He's a dick.
Adam: No, no come on lets be serious about this.
Sean: Yeah, me and Adam were really serious about that.
Adam: And we cut through it really quick.
John: He flied out. He's into business suits and economics now and he's lost interest in hardcore, which is fucked up.
Adam: He's a hypocrite because all the lyrics that he sang and wrote apply to him now in a negative way.
John: Yeah, for example left me behind.
Neil: He wrote songs against himself.
Sean: Eating his words as well as smoking cigars.
John: Sean is much better than Jason ever was.
Sean: I'm a better human being than Jason ever was.
Phil: Alright, because he lives in Albany did he have a lot to do with getting you on Combined Effort Records?
Adam: Yeah, basically we would have to say yes. If Jason wasn't in the band we really wouldn't have known any one from Albany. And through him we knew Sam from Plain Truth and Steve Ready so...
Neil: Jason did a lot, he just kinda fell off the edge.
Sean: When Jason was good he was good.
John: Don't get us wrong, we kinda miss him and everything, but he's fucked. Who cares.
Adam: When he believed in it he was a great guy, but it's inexcusable to bail out.
Phil: Earlier you had some trouble with Ray Cappo, what was said, what happened, and is there still any trouble?
John: That was basically Jason talking shit about Ray, and Youth of Today.
Adam: No it wasn't.
John: It wasn't!
Adam: You thinking Yell and Warren?
Davey: He said something on stage about Youth of Today's video.
John: Yeah, at the Sundance he said.
Adam: Yeah, but we all agreed with it. But we all agreed with it, I was under the impression that we all agreed with what Jason said.
Neil: We had difficulty with Ray, apparently we told the cold hard truth. We spoke the truth. We didn't take shit, we talked the truth.
Adam: The situation was we were on stage, we were supposed to have a lot to say, we would like to think we are going to give them a good show, but any way, Jason said, this was at the time Youth of Today was gonna make their video at the Anthrax and Jason said, 'This goes out to Youth of Today because they want to be on MTV with Spuds MacKenzie.' Now Ray Cappo came up to us afterwards at CB's and said something to the effect of why don't you say it to me before you say it to the crowd. Now, in some people's eyes he has a point, but in us there's no point there because I'm not gonna go seek him out just to check if it's 'Y' if I say something. Because if we believe in it we're gonna stand behind it, if we say it when he's around our not around, or whether he's dead or alive we don't care.
Phil: Last summer you did not play any shows because half the band was away, what are the plans for the next summer?
Neil: Hopefully we got a tour coming up. Some people are setting up shows we are making connections around the country. We're making connections and the record seems to be getting around so hopefully a 12 inch is in the works. And we could get around and do a tour with it.
John: We're not gonna rush it.
Adam: With a tour we would like to go with a band that is from New York.

John: Absolution.
Adam: Some one along the lines of Absolution. Sheep Terror. Nauses A band like that so that so that people around the country could see that when Scyllia Biscuits and Judas come to town people can see that's not all of what New York's about because I think there is a misconception that is what New York is all about.
Phil: I furkin hope not.
Adam: Because we've been to Cleveland and Buffalo, that's as far as we've been but that is the impression.
Sean: I've been to Boston and back to the Sheep Terror. Just haven't been up there.
Adam: Right, we should present at the state of New York hardcore. Because New York hardcore is many things it's not just pre-fabricated straight edge.
Phil: Are any of you involved with and protects on the side?
John: No.
Adam: We would like to avoid that as much as possible because it can be a drain.
John: It leads to problems.
Sean: Example 'A' like the situation where I live in New York, it is composed of about 15 people which comprise about 5 bands and a lot of times they can't even play shows because there's such a conflict...
Phil: They're all inbred!
LAUGHTER

Sean: Well I don't know about that, but let's say Judas wants to play a show with Youth Of Today it's virtually impossible. We would like to stay away from that because a band is a band and there is no reason to be involved in any other band.
John: Neil plays good air drums.

Phil: How do you feel about vegetarianism and hard core mixed in?
Adam: I'll speak just because I am a vegetarian and I've been one for a while but...

Sean: I think the way you phrased the question is.
Phil: Do you think it should be an issue in hardcore, do you think a band should go on stage and tell you don't eat... 'Chaaaaburgers'.

Adam: Yea
John: No
Adam: Yea!
John: Not! Not! You should say Chaaaaburger eating is bad, but not tell other people not to eat them.

Sean: Exactly
Phil: Good Point.
Sean: Nothing is wrong with presenting anything on stage so long as you do it the right way. Out of the band three of us are vegetarians but we're not gonna write a song just about vegetarians just for the sake of doing that. One person isn't to begin with, and it goes back to the whole idea of straight-edge. That should not be the sole message of a band. Vegetarianism, it's a very fuckin' diet! It's a personal choice with diet and the way you want to live. Sure there is a philosophy behind it.
Phil: What next, toilet paper?
Adam: You're so intelligent!

Sean: Right now to some degree it's a trend. But obviously if it's something that you believe in your gonna do it. Like Adam been a vegetarian for a long time.
Phil: Alright, there are some laids in the scene that are into Hari-Krishna, how do you feel about that, such as Cro-Mag and Youth Of Today.
Sean: I don't want to speak at all of the co-ops because I don't know enough about them to say anything. I want to talk in general I don't want to criticize any band. But I think in general, organized religion is a bad thing and you should stay away from it. Some of the Krishna ideas are good, but then there are some good ideas in the



Blood.

bible to, but I don't like organized religion and I think it has no place in our generation, and that message should not be conveyed. But again people can say what ever they want I'm not gonna believe in it that's how I feel about it.
Adam: All four of us would agree that religion is for people that are weak. People that can't deal with the fact that there aren't answers for everything.
Sean: It's like a drug.

Phil: Religion is the opium of the masses.

Neil: Hardcore is a thing for yourself, but look how many people are brain washed by fuckin' Krishnas.

Sean: No matter how releases you make it it's still a bunch of bologns, but I don't know about everybody here but I was raised a Catholic and I am sure several others of us were raised with some kinds of religious background. It's something that I grew away from more and more as I grew older, and learned more. Half these kids that are getting into the Krishna movement are kids that were raised Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish and they break away from all that and they just turn to a different movement. It's another trend a lot of people in New York used to be in to it and now it's kind of back again. It's ridiculous. It's just absurd. Like I said there is good ideas but there are good ideas in the Bible, there's good ideas all over but you shouldn't devote yourself to that kind of stuff. I think it's a bunch of crap.

Phil: Next would pretty much be white power. What would be your feelings on that?

Neil: Part sound

Adam: White power goes beyond white power to me, I hope to everyone else in the band. Like we said today it goes as far as black pride, white pride, Puerto Rican pride, because of the football team you on I don't care what it is, I feel that pride is a bad thing that it divides people and if you can just know in your heart and in your head that what you're doing is what you want to do there is really no reason for pride. Pride is insecurity, we have a song called "Maximum Security" about people who need maximum security and the lyrics refer to ourselves 'We're not proud- We don't care what's about-separates and one-we stand alone'. Because if you need white power, white pride or any kind of pride like that you're insecure, because you can't rely on white in yourself, you need to rely on a greater group.

Sean: Exactly. One thing that I think that would be amusing if it wasn't such a sick idea if you look around at half the supposed white power people in New York I've seen people who are Indian, Puerto Rican wearing white power shirts. The catch thing seems to be as long as your not a black person as in a 'Negro' you can be involved in this white power and it is all just a fantasy along with the skinhead fantasy trip. I don't think it should be tolerated I am not saying you should go up and start a fight with some one because they're into white power. I don't go for this thing oh, you believe in white power I don't, we should respect each other, because the whole nature of white power is to deny people their basic human rights. It's not a fuckin' joke.

Adam: We do not respect white power, we speak against it every chance we get. Come see us on our destroy white power tour.

Neil: Yeah.

Sean: What's scary about the whole white power thing, you would think with intelligence would come the thought that all people are the same. There are a lot of people out there who are pretty intelligent who still believe in racist ways, I think it's pretty sad it's 1988 and you still hear things like 'nigger'.

John: There just scared...to quote Richie Birkenhead 'White power equals white coward'.

Adam: And that's the truth I've seen a lot of fights where, its one on one and some fuckin' retarded kid with a Screwdriver shirt backs down and he has nothing to say. One time at C&S, this is just one example, there are hundreds of examples, a kid who is really cool and he is one of my friends, who spit on a white power kid who was

displaying white power symbols, and I've seen this kid say to people who he knows agree with him that it's a white power sign and that he hates niggers. Then if there's a 'nigger' around then it's an Irish Catholic pride symbol whether he fuckin' Irish, Polish or Jewish. So this kid spit on him and he walked away like a wimp, as the story always goes this white power wimp went back and got 30 of his friends to go after this person. It's a shame people just can't live their lives without this shit.

Sean: We are serious about this white power shit and were going to talk about it a lot. We are kind of sick of this tolerance of it, like we said we are not for beating up who are into white power but in a lot of ways that's just as bad. There's a limit these people are not kidding around and neither are we. It's a message that needs to be repeated.

Adam: On the other foot I have a big problem with black pride. I'll shut up right now if the other people in the band don't agree with me. I have a problem when a bum comes up to me on the street and starts going 'are you fucking with me, what do you think this is Howard Beach?', and that happens a lot to me its not even revsted racism. It's racism. A lot of people just can't admit it and they would be lying if they did but I don't see color when I see a person, I just see a person. If you're black and you see people as white you got the same problem. Terrible things have happened in the past to the black people, but they just have to swallow it and work...what I said about work they got to work for change, I did not mean like get a job.

Laughter

Sean: I can see black pride but I can see that it will ultimately lead to the same problems of white pride. The best thing to do is to learn to work together....

John: What's up Jason.

Gavin: Ohhh, man you got jumper cables Adam?

John: That's my shirt man.

Gavin: It is.

John: You found it.

Gavin: Yeah, I found it in the back

WE HAD TO TAKE A BRIEF PAUSE BECAUSE JASON KRAKDOWN LEFT THE LIGHTS ON IN HIS CAR AND THE NEEDED A JUMP

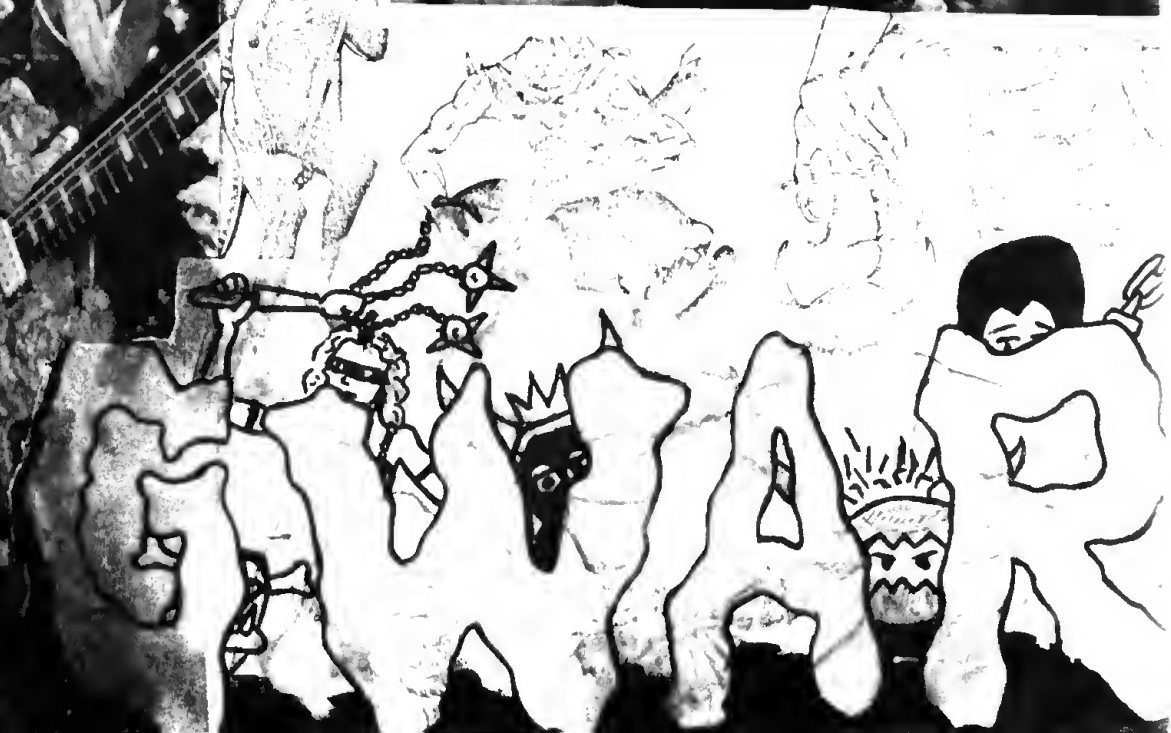
Adam: I go to school with a large black population and you should see how people are dividing themselves along line of any way possible. There will be black fraternities and white fraternities it is allowed to a degree white fraternities are not allowed that will be punished through a correctional action. Black fraternities are allowed. Phil: It is in the High Schools to the Asian Awareness Club the Black Awareness Club.

Adam: Yeah.

John: Can you give him a jump.

Adam: I don't have cables, I'll give him a jump if you can find cables. In conclusion, this band is about human awareness, it does sound very generic and blah, but who cares were just gonna beat it into everybody's skulls until they got it straight. Because most people don't have it straight yet.

Neil: Black Flag rules.



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Tom: What happened with Ride Awake, we heard some problems happened?

Anthony: Well we played Connecticut, you know, and they had said that, you know, we were dropped on our heads and stuff. You know we didn't like that, you know, it was kinda like plugging off on us, they don't know what we're about, you know, we played the University of Connecticut, you know, we made a remark about it on stage and a couple members from the band came up and talked to me, a couple of their friends you know and everything kinda straightened out, you know, I'm glad it just was like I was kinda upset cause they don't know what we're about. You know, and then they started talkin' about us.

Tom: So that's all settled.

Anthony: Yeah.

Tom: We also heard Mike left the band.

Anthony: Yeah Mike, Mike left the band, he wasn't into what we were doing.

He was into his own stuff, and now we got Arthur filling in on bass, and, you know, for a while. Eventually, like next month or something we're gonna look for a bass player, in a couple of months.

Tom: Since you were twined as a band, a young band, do you like to help other bands?

Anthony: Yeah, we like to, like hook up with our friends, you know, like shows with us. You know, try and hook up a lot of other bands with us. We've been working with Uppercut and Outburst, playing a lot with Sick of It All and stuff. We're trying to get other bands shows with us now. Mexican Penalty and we're gonna try some shows with Abolition.

Tom: Do you feel the fact that all of you originally were in other bands helped your band to grow?

Anthony: I think, I think so because like, you know, we were all familiar faces, you know, people have seen us before from like, Breakdown was a pretty decent band, big band, you know. Taken Entry was a little popular, you know, we all had like, it was like, you know, kinda familiar faces, so you know it was easier for us I think, and Burnin' helped out a lot. You know, by selling our tapes at Burnin'.

Tom: How do you feel about headlining shows with only just a demo and other bands that are opening for you have people get stuff?

Anthony: I mean I really don't care about headlining, who headlines, you know, we just like, if they are you to headline, you know we go on shows sometimes you don't know what the order is. You get there and like "Well, you guys want to headline?" You guys want to do this, you guys want to do that, whatever happens, happens, you know. We don't go tellin' people we want to headline over them, and we really don't care as long as we get to play and get a good show, you know, that's all we really care about. The headlining don't make a difference to us.

Tom: What about future recordings?

Anthony: We're gonna be doin' an album with Important Records soon. One of it all is on that label, Agnostic Front, and Ball, and Spy, so hopefully within a couple months we'll have an album out.

Tom: Do your lyrics, um, what type of attitude do you want to portray, most of them seem to be about hate?

Anthony: I don't think they're hate, you know, at all, I think it's more like realistic. The way you feel, you know. We don't go out trying to write lyrics about hate, trying to write lyrics about negativity, you know I don't consider, everyone of our songs I consider to be like, you know, something that every kid experiences every day of his life, you know, sometimes they're happy, sometimes they're not, sometimes they're depressed, you know. I think it's like, more realistic than hate or negative, you know. People are just like labeling us that.

Tom: Is there anything else you wanna say to your adoring fans and loving admirers?

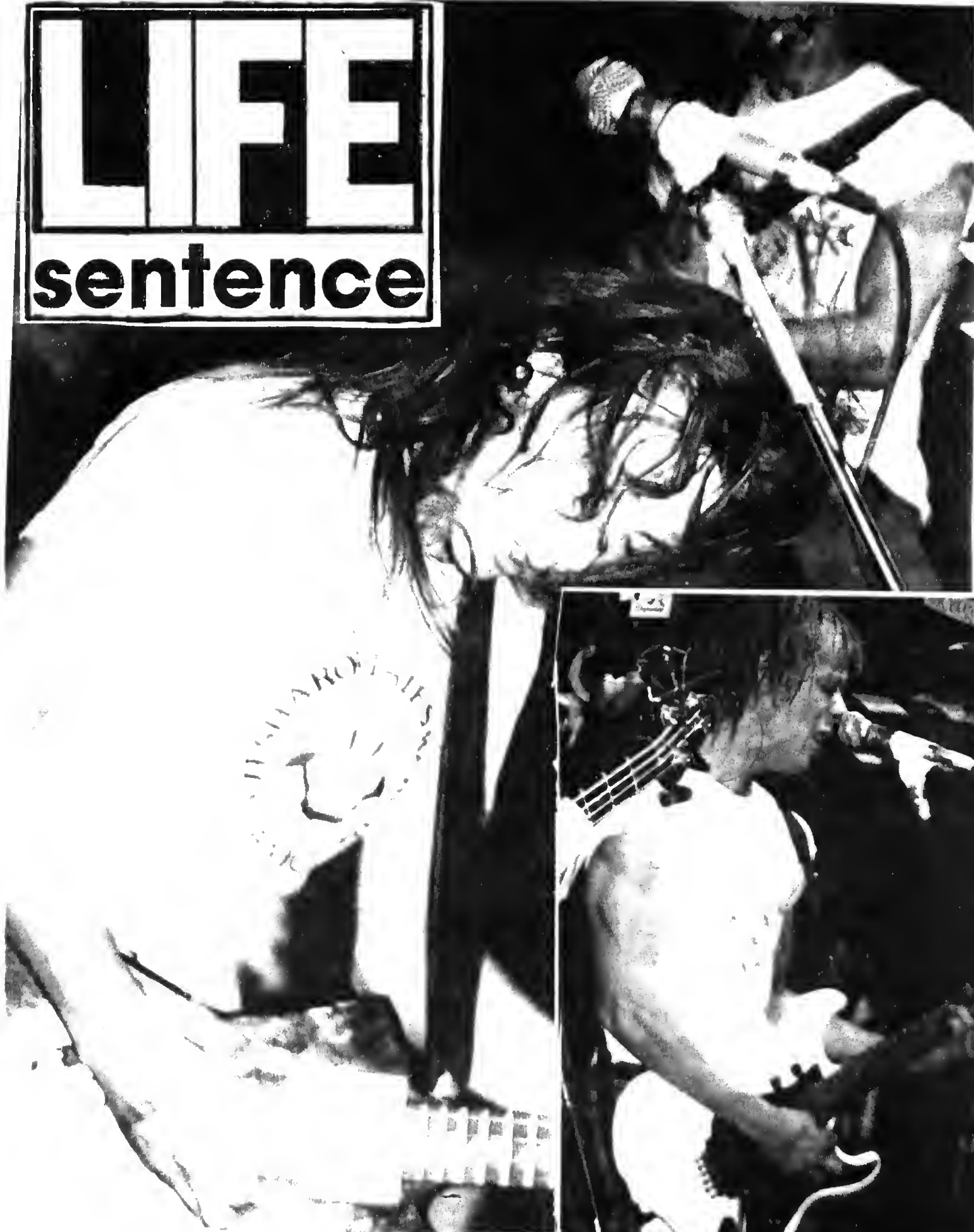
Anthony: I don't know, just like keep thinking about the new bands. There are a lot of good bands coming up, Mexican Penalty, Uppercut, Outburst, Abolition, Sick of It All, million of them coming out, so just like look for them.

Tom: What is your favorite place to play?

Anthony: CR-GEAR.

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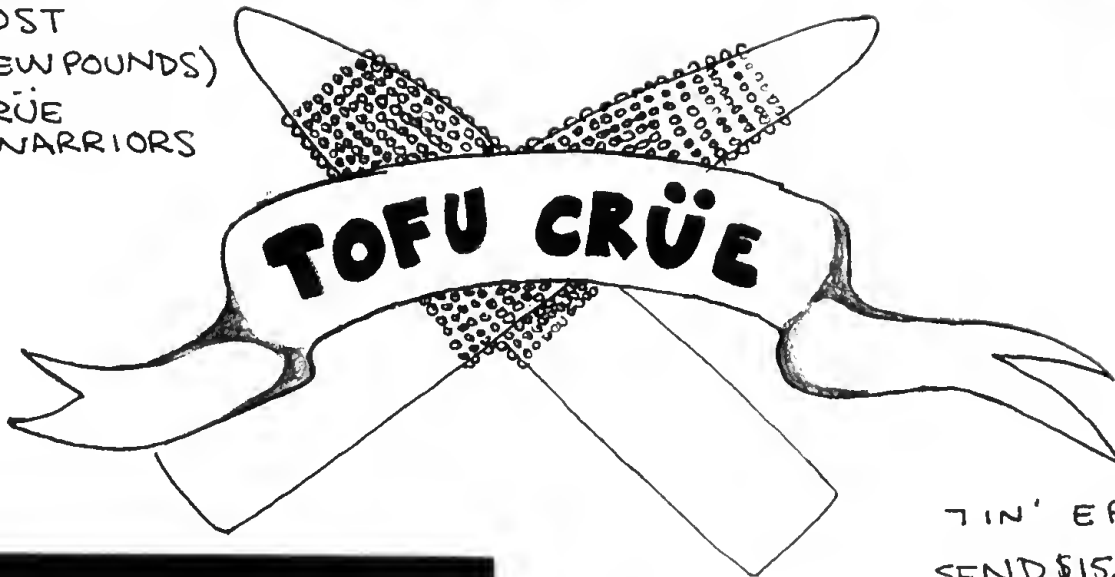
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